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Over a quarter of Victorian workers are now part-time

Part-time employment across metropolitan and regional Victoria now represents over one-quarter (27%) of total state employment, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). This compares with 16% twenty years ago.

In Melbourne, approximately 25% of all employed people work part-time. In non-metropolitan Victoria, the rate is approximately 30%.

Most part-time workers are women (72%). However, male part-time employment grew by more than 200% over the past twenty years, compared with just 10% growth in male full-time employment.

The 15-19 year age group had the highest proportion of part-time workers, 66% in January 2002, which contrasts with 23% in 1982. These changes have occurred alongside increased rates of participation in full-time education.

The rapid increase in part-time employment is a feature article in **State and Regional Indicators, Victoria**. Other indicators covered in the publication include:

- In the September quarter 2001, the majority (82%) of Victoria's 1.2 million Internet subscribers connected via a server (Point of Presence or POP) in the Melbourne Statistical Division. There were fewer than 10 Internet Service Providers with a presence in the Wimmera (5) and East Gippsland (7) Statistical Divisions, compared with 194 in Melbourne. The average number of subscribers per access line in East Gippsland (16.1) was more than double that in Melbourne (8).
- The trend estimate for new motor vehicle sales in Victoria was 19,257 vehicles in February 2002, up 1% from the previous month, and 8% higher than in February 2001.
- The number of Victorian dwelling unit approvals fell to 3,618 in trend terms in February 2002. This represents a 17% decrease since a peak in September 2001.

Further details including information on population, prices, finance industry and natural resources are available in **State and Regional Indicators, Victoria, March Quarter 2002** (cat. no. 1367.2).

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